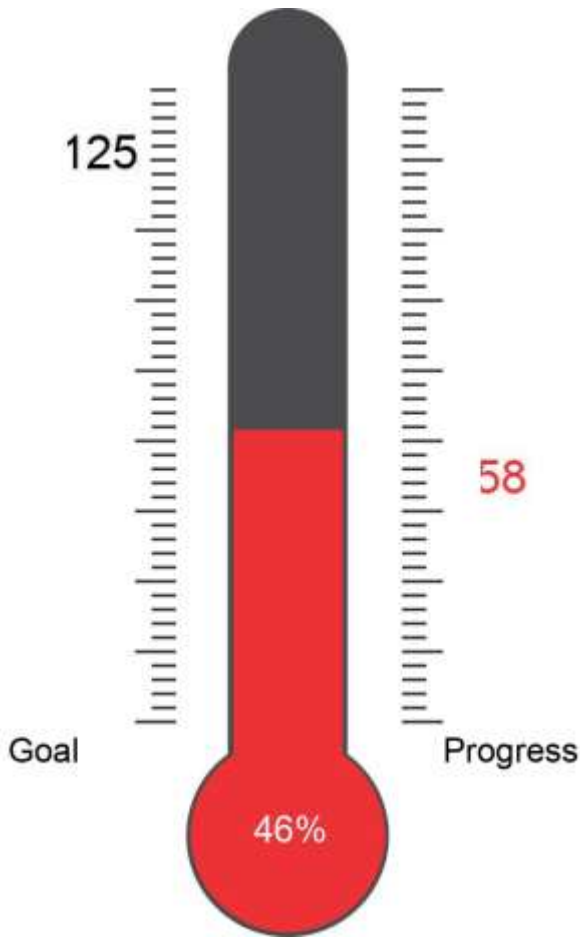


St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church Digital Bulletin

PUSH TO STEWARDSHIP APPRECIATION SUNDAY

Let's work together! Our Push Goal is to have **125 Stewards** Pledged by **March 7th**. Our goal for the year is 190. Let us start the year off right with a solid push!

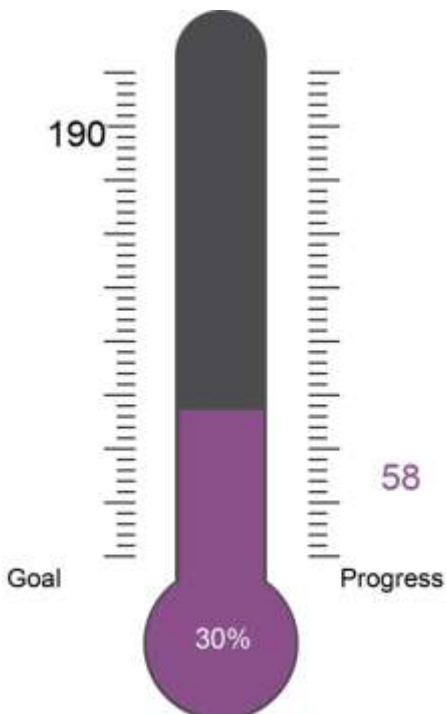


Goal: 125 Stewards

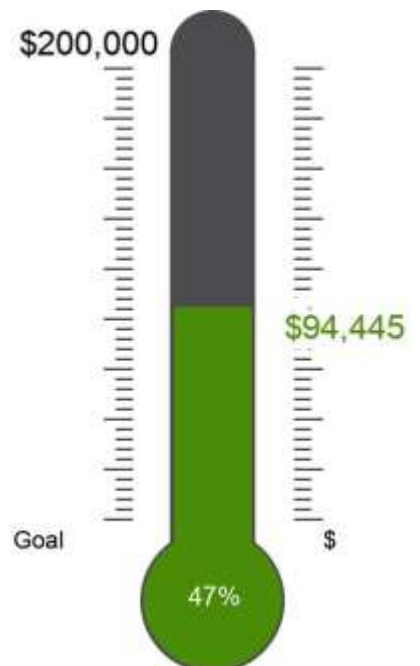
Current 58 Stewards

% of Goal 46%

STEWARDS



PLEDGED STEWARDSHIP



As of January 13, 2021

This year, the Stewardship Committee has set an additional challenge to our Stewards for the 2021 Year. We challenge each Steward to become a member of at least one Ministry of our Parish. With so many to choose from, this should be an easy task! If you want to volunteer, we have philanthropy ministries. If you want to get involved in the life of the Church, we have ministries for that too! Even during COVID-19 there are so many things to do! Join us in making our parish more complete by your presence!

Stewardship Appreciation Sunday!



In normal years, as a thank you to our Stewards who make the Ministries of St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church possible, the Stewardship Committee would offer a delicious Luncheon. This year, the committee will find a new way to show our appreciation to you all. Stay tuned! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Join us at 8:15 a.m. on January 10th for the Sunday After Theophany

You can watch our services by clicking on any of the links to our Live Stream. Please subscribe for regular update



We encourage you to send in prayer requests online. We humbly ask that you continue lighting candles and tray donations as you normally would when coming to Church. If you would like the Church to light a candle for you for this service so that Fr. Dimitri can read the names of your loved ones at the Holy Altar, please click on the image below:



Sunday Offering



Light a Candle

Saint Basil Greek Orthodox Church

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OUR CHURCH IS WHEELCHAIR
ACCESSIBLE

Sunday, January 17, 2021

Saints and Feasts:

- ◇ 12th Sunday of Luke
- ◇ Anthony the Great
- ◇ Anthony the New of Veria
- ◇ George the New Martyr of Ioannina

Having met the Savior, therefore, the lepers earnestly besought Him to free them from their misery, and called Him Master, that is. Teacher. No one pitied them when suffering this malady, but He Who had appeared on earth for this very reason, and had become man that He might show pity to all, He was moved with compassion for them, and had mercy on them.

And why did He not rather say, I will, be you cleansed; as He did in the case of another leper, but commanded them rather to show themselves to the priests? It was because the law gave directions to this effect to those who were delivered from leprosy (Lev. 14-2); for it commanded them to show themselves to the priests, and to offer a sacrifice for their cleansing.

St. Cyril of Alexandria

Commentary on the Gospel of St. Luke, Homilies 113-116. B#42, pp. 465-466, 4th Century

Narthex Duty:

Welcoming Ministry: NA during Covid

Orthros Reader: NA during Covid

Memorial:

Communion Guidelines:

As a reminder, only Baptized and Chrismated Orthodox Christians may receive Holy Communion. Follow the Ushers row by row and please exit towards the outside aisles.



St. Anthony the Great

Saint Anthony, the Father of monks, was born in Egypt in 251 of pious parents who departed this life while he was yet young. On hearing the words of the Gospel: "If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell what thou hast, and give to the poor" (Matt. 19:21), he immediately put it into action. Distributing to the poor all he had, and fleeing from all the turmoil of the world, he departed to the desert. The manifold temptations he endured continually for the span of twenty years are incredible. His ascetic struggles by day and by night, whereby he mortified the uprisings of the passions and attained to the height of dispassion, surpass the bounds of nature; and the report of his deeds of virtue drew such a multitude to follow him that the desert was transformed into a

city, while he became, so to speak, the governor, lawgiver, and master-trainer of all the citizens of this newly-formed city.

The cities of the world also enjoyed the fruit of his virtue. When the Christians were being persecuted and put to death under Maximinus in 312, he hastened to their aid and consolation. When the Church was troubled by the Arians, he went with zeal to Alexandria in 335 and struggled against them in behalf of Orthodoxy. During this time, by the grace of his words, he also turned many unbelievers to Christ.

Saint Anthony began his ascetic life outside his village of Coma in Upper Egypt, studying the ways of the ascetics and holy men there, and perfecting himself in the virtues of each until he surpassed them all. Desiring to increase his labors, he departed into the desert, and finding an abandoned fortress in the mountain, he made his dwelling in it, training himself in extreme fasting, unceasing prayer, and fierce conflicts with the demons. Here he remained, as mentioned above, about twenty years. Saint Athanasius the Great, who knew him personally and wrote his life, says that he came forth from that fortress "initiated in the mysteries and filled with the Spirit of God." Afterwards, because of the press of the faithful, who deprived him of his solitude, he was enlightened by God to journey with certain Bedouins, until he came to a mountain in the desert near the Red Sea, where he passed the remaining part of his life.



Do you work in the city of Chicago?
Would you like to attend Weekday Liturgies but cannot because of Work? Join us at St. Basil.

January

7: Synaxis of the Forerunner

18: St. Athanasios

21: St. Maximos the Confessor

25: St. Gregory the Theologian

Patronal Feasts for the Chicago parishes will not be celebrated at St. Basil
Please check the [St. Basil website calendar](#) for updates to above schedule Liturgies are
Livestreamed on the [St. Basil Facebook Page](#)

Hymns of the Day After the Small Entrance

Resurrectional Apolytikion

Grave Tone

By death on the cross, O Lord, You shattered death. You opened up paradise to the lowly thief. You turned the sorrow of the myrrh-bearers into joy. You sent Your apostles to preach the glad tidings: that You, O Christ our God, had risen from the dead and granted to the world Your great mercy.

Απολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον

Ἦχος βαρύς

Κατέλυσας τῷ Σταυρῷ σου τὸν θάνατον, ἠνέφξας τῷ Ληστῇ τὸν Παράδεισον, τῶν Μυροφόρων τὸν θρήνον μετέβαλες, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Ἀποστόλοις κηρύττειν ἐπέταξας, ὅτι ἀνέστης Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, παρέχων τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Apolytikion for St. Anthony the Great

4th Tone

Emulating the ways of Elias the zealot, and following the straight paths of the Baptist, O Father Anthony, thou madest of the wilderness a city, and didst support the world by thy prayers. Wherefore intercede with Christ our God that our souls be saved.

Απολυτίκιον

Ἦχος δ'

Τὸν ζηλωτὴν Ἠλίαν τοῖς τρόποις μιμούμενος, τῷ Βαπτιστῇ εὐθείαις ταῖς τρίβοις ἐπόμενος, Πάτερ Ἀντώνιε, τῆς ἐρήμου γέγονας οἰκιστής, καὶ τὴν οἰκουμένην ἐστήριξας εὐχαίς σου, διὸ πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

Apolytikion for the Church

1st Tone

Your proclamation went forth into all the earth, for it accepted your word, through which you taught the dogmas befitting God, you expounded on the nature of all that is, and you arranged the morals of society. A royal priesthood! Devout father Basil, intercede with Christ our God, to grant us His great mercy.

Απολυτίκιον τοῦ Ναοῦ

Ἦχος α'

Εἰς πᾶσαν τὴν γῆν ἐξῆλθεν ὁ φθόγγος σου, ὡς δεξαμένην τὸν λόγον σου, δι' οὗ θεοπρεπῶς ἐδογμάτισας, τὴν φύσιν τῶν ὄντων ἐτράνωσας, τὰ τῶν ἀνθρώπων ἤθη κατεκόσμησας, Βασίλειον Ἱεράτευμα, Πάτερ Ὅσιε, Χριστὸν τὸν Θεὸν ἰκέτευε, δωρήσασθαι ἡμῖν τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Kontakion

1st Tone

Your birth sanctified a Virgin's womb and properly blessed the hands of Symeon. Having now come and saved us O Christ our God, give peace to Your commonwealth in troubled times and strengthen those in authority, whom You love, as only the loving One.

Κοντάκιον

Ἦχος α'

Ὁ μήτραν παρθενικὴν ἀγιάσας τῷ τόκῳ σου, καὶ χεῖρας τοῦ Συμεὼν εὐλογήσας ὡς ἔπρεπε, προφθάσας καὶ νὺν ἔσωσας ἡμᾶς Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός. Ἀλλ' εἰρήνευσον ἐν πολέμοις τὸ πολίτευμα, καὶ κραταίωσον Βασιλεῖς οὓς ἠγάπησας, ὁ μόνος φιλόανθρωπος.



Ο ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΣ / THE EPISTLE

Πρὸς Ἑβραίους 13:17-21 τὸ
ἀνάγνωσμα

The reading is from St. Paul's
Letter to the Hebrews 13:17-21

Ἀδελφοί, πείθεσθε τοῖς ἡγουμένοις
ὑμῶν, καὶ ὑπέικετε· αὐτοὶ γὰρ
ἀγρυπνοῦσιν ὑπὲρ τῶν ψυχῶν
ὑμῶν, ὡς λόγον ἀποδώσοντες· ἵνα
μετὰ χαρᾶς τοῦτο ποιῶσιν, καὶ μὴ
στενάζοντες· ἀλυσιτελὲς γὰρ ὑμῖν
τοῦτο. Προσεύχεσθε περὶ ἡμῶν·
πεποίθαμεν γὰρ ὅτι καλὴν
συνείδησιν ἔχομεν, ἐν πᾶσιν καλῶς
θέλοντες ἀναστρέφεσθαι.
Περισσότερως δὲ παρακαλῶ τοῦτο
ποιῆσαι, ἵνα τάχιον ἀποκατασταθῶ
ὑμῖν. Ὁ δὲ θεὸς τῆς εἰρήνης, ὁ
ἀναγαγὼν ἐκ νεκρῶν τὸν ποιμένα
τῶν προβάτων τὸν μέγαν ἐν αἵματι
διαθήκης αἰωνίου, τὸν κύριον
ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦν, καταρτίσαι ὑμᾶς ἐν
παντὶ ἔργῳ ἀγαθῷ εἰς τὸ ποιῆσαι
τὸ θέλημα αὐτοῦ, ποιῶν ἐν ὑμῖν τὸ
εὐάρεστον ἐνώπιον αὐτοῦ, διὰ
Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ· ᾧ ἡ δόξα εἰς τοὺς
αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων. Ἀμήν.

Brethren, obey your leaders and
submit to them; for they are
keeping watch over your souls, as
men who will have to give account.
Let them do this joyfully, and not
sadly, for that would be of no
advantage to you. Pray for us, for
we are sure that we have a clear
conscience, desiring to act
honorably in all things. I urge you
the more earnestly to do this in
order that I may be restored to you
the sooner. Now may the God of
peace who brought again from the
dead our Lord Jesus, the great
Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood
of the eternal covenant, equip you
with everything good that you may
do His will, working in you that
which is pleasing in His sight,
through Jesus Christ; to whom be
glory for ever and ever. Amen.



ΤΟ ΘΕΙΟΝ ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΟΝ / THE HOLY GOSPEL

**Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Λουκᾶν 17:12-
19 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα**

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, εἰσερχομένου αὐτοῦ εἰς τινα κώμην ἀπήντησαν αὐτῷ δέκα λεπροὶ ἄνδρες, οἱ ἔστησαν πόρρωθεν, καὶ αὐτοὶ ἦραν φωνὴν λέγοντες· Ἰησοῦ ἐπιστάτα, ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς. καὶ ἰδὼν εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· πορευθέντες ἐπιδείξατε ἑαυτοὺς τοῖς ἱερεῦσι. καὶ ἐγένετο ἐν τῷ ὑπάγειν αὐτοὺς ἐκαθαρίσθησαν. εἷς δὲ ἐξ αὐτῶν, ἰδὼν ὅτι ἰάθη, ὑπέστρεψε μετὰ φωνῆς μεγάλης δοξάζων τὸν Θεόν, καὶ ἔπεσεν ἐπὶ πρόσωπον παρὰ τοὺς πόδας αὐτοῦ εὐχαριστῶν αὐτῷ· καὶ αὐτὸς ἦν Σαμαρεῖτης. ἀποκριθεὶς δὲ ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν· οὐχὶ οἱ δέκα ἐκαθαρίσθησαν; οἱ δὲ ἐννέα ποῦ; οὐχὶ εὐρέθησαν ὑποστρέψαντες δοῦναι δόξαν τῷ Θεῷ εἰ μὴ ὁ ἄλλογενὴς οὗτος; καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ· ἀναστὰς πορεύου· ἡ πίστις σου σέσωκέ σε.

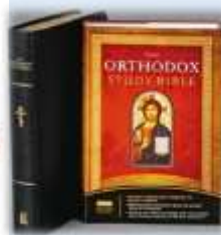
**The Gospel According to
Luke 17:12-19**

At that time, as Jesus entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said: "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus's feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then said Jesus: "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And he said to him: "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

ONLINE BIBLE STUDY



St. Basil
Greek Orthodox Church
of Chicago, Illinois



When: Tuesday Mornings –
10:00 am – 11:00 am

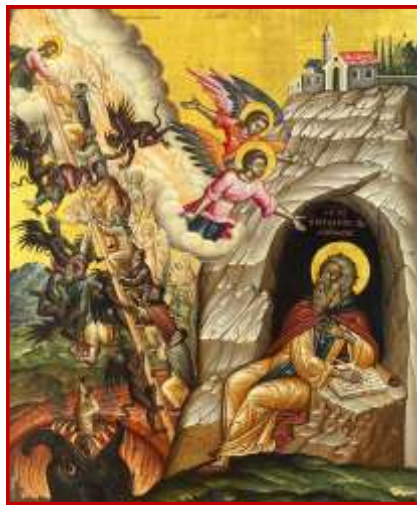
Where: ONLINE VIA

Bible Study
Covid-19
Fall: Acts of
the Apostles



Participate in a Zoom Meeting Watch on Facebook Live and ask questions in the comments

St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church



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Acquire the Heavenly Virtues and love God more fully

November 11 - April 14

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Reserve Your Spot Today!

If a family member is unable to use Signup Genius, please call the Church Office and Vicky will help sign that individual up.

Calendar for the Weeks Ahead

- Saturday, January 16, 8:30am - Orthros and Divine Liturgy
- Sunday, January 17, 8:15am - Orthros and Divine Liturgy
- Sunday, January 17, 7:00pm - Great Vespers for Ss. Athanasios and Cyril (Aurora parish)
- Sunday, January 17, 7:00pm - Great Vespers of St. Athanasios
- Monday, January 18, 6:30am - Divine Liturgy for St. Athanasios
 - Tuesday, January 19, 10:00am - Bible Study
 - Wednesday, January 20, 5:30pm - Paraklisis
 - Wednesday, January 20, 6:30pm - Online A.R.E. Class
- Thursday, January 21, 6:30am - Divine Liturgy of the St. Maximos the Confessor
- Saturday, January 23, 8:30am - Orthros and Divine Liturgy
- Sunday, January 24, 8:15am - Orthros and Divine Liturgy

Parish News and Events

We need your help - You Might be Missing Out

We have started a weekly St. Basil E-Bulletin - which goes out early each week and for some of you, this email is going into "spam" or "trash". Please take a look at your spam and trash files and if you see it there, with most servers there's a button you can push to stop it's going into trash/spam. Or, enter stbasilchicago@comcast.net into your email contacts list. Thanks!

St. John the Almsgiver Ministry

Our ministry continues to pack and distribute [Almsgiver care packs](#), blankets, and coats to our neighbors in need. If you're able, there are two easy ways to contribute:

1. Purchase the items we currently need from our [AmazonSmile wishlist](#). Whatever you purchase will be shipped directly to St. Basil.
2. We are always in need of \$10 Jewel-Osco cards. To purchase these, you can [call or email Jewel-Osco](#) and have the cards mailed to St. Basil (733 S Ashland Ave, Chicago 60607). If you're physically coming to church, you can also drop off gift cards with Mrs. Vicky Crosby.

Books for Prisoners - Many inmates with whom we correspond through the prison ministry request books to read. Topics include self-help, vocational training, orthodoxy, history, and fiction. If you can make a small donation to defray the cost of purchasing and sending books, please see Vicky in the church office. Any size donation is appreciated.

Stewardship - Have You Become A Steward For 2020?

If not, know that everything we have is God's and we are just managers during this brief life. Become a steward today. "He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God" (2 Cor. 9:10-11).

IMPORTANT: Our parish's COVID-19 committee requires all donations be only new items in unopened packages. Also, no other types of clothing will be accepted at this time. Please use the donation box on the table inside the Church at the Ashland and Polk entrance. Do not take them into Philoptochos Hall or upstairs.

St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church January 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Pastoral Day for Fr. Dimitri New Year's Day 8:30 am Hierarchical Orthros & Divine Liturgy for the Circumcision and St. Basil the Great	2 8:30 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy
3 11:00 am St. Basil 5-7th Grade Sunday School	4 7:00 pm Parish Council	5 7:30 am 8:30 am Royal Hours of Theophany Vespers Liturgy of the Eve of Theophany	6 8:00 am 7:00 pm Orthros & Divine Liturgy and Great Blessing of the Waters of Theophany Great Vespers of the Synaxis of the Forerunner	7 6:30 am Divine Liturgy of the Synaxis of the Forerunner	8 Pastoral Day for Fr. Dimitri	9 8:30 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy
10 11:00 am St. Basil 5-7th Grade Sunday School	11	12	13	14	15 Pastoral Day for Fr. Dimitri	16 8:30 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy
17 11:00 am St. Basil 5-7th Grade Sunday School 7:00 pm Great Vespers of St. Athanasios 7:00 pm Great Vespers for Ss. Athanasios and Cyril (at Aurora parish)	18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day Divine Liturgy for St. Athanasios	19 10:00 am Bible Study	20 5:30 pm 6:30 pm Paraklesis Online A.R.E. Class	21 6:30 am Divine Liturgy for St. Maximos the Confessor	22 Pastoral Day for Fr. Dimitri	23 8:30 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy
24 11:00 am St. Basil 5-7th Grade Sunday School	25 6:30 am Divine Liturgy for St. Gregory the Theologian	26 10:00 am Bible Study	27 5:30 pm 6:30 pm Paraklesis Online A.R.E. Class	28	29 7:00 pm Pastoral Day for Fr. Dimitri Great Vespers for Three Hierarchs at Ss. Constantine & Helen in Palos Hills, IL	30 8:30 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy
31 11:00 am St. Basil 5-7th Grade Sunday School						

Matthew 25:35-36 - The Last Judgment



For I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty, and you gave me drink:

Please donate food for the needy.

I was a stranger, and you took me in:

Please welcome our Catechumens and Guests

Naked, and you clothed me:

Please consider donating clothes to the local shelter.

I was sick, and you visited me:

Please pray for the speedy recovery of: Nicholas, Anthony, Aphrodite

I was in prison, and you came unto me:

Please pray for: Alan, Alfredo, Andrew, Anthony, Arthur, Bryant, Calvin, Choice, Clarence, Coery, Darron, David, Deshaun, Devon, Dolen, Donald, Eddie, Eddie, Edwin, Eugene, Freddie, Henry, James, James, Jerry, Jerry, John, Jose, Joseph, Karl, Kerwinn, Lakeisha, Lendie, Mario, Michael, Michael, Monte, Parrish, Patrice, Ralph, Robert, Robert, Roberto, Ryan, Scott, Patrick Michael, Seneca, Shawn, Terrell, Timothy, Wendell, Willie

Please pray for and consider visiting our shut-ins. Please also see Pat Cole to see about writing Letters to those Incarcerated through our prison ministry. It means the world to them to receive love.

VISITATION POLICY

If you would like Fr. Dimitri to visit you in the hospital, please call him or have a family member call. Fr. Dimitri will not go unless he is asked by the family. This is in compliance with both HIPAA and patient privacy.



ORTHODOX OBSERVER

If You are not receiving the Observer, please contact the Church Office.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

St. Basil Stewardship Facts: State of the Parish

Operational Expenses
\$317,700 (860 per day 2021)

Stewards Pledged at St. Basil
58 of goal of 190

Dollar Amount Pledged
\$94,445.00

Dollar Amount Collected
\$16,440.00

Average Pledge
\$1628.36

Remember this: The person who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the person who sows generously will also reap generously. Each person should do as he has decided in his heart—not reluctantly or out of necessity, for God loves a cheerful giver. – 2 Corinthians 9:6-7



As a service to our parishioners who are unable to physically attend Divine Services at St. Basil, a Live Stream of the Services can be found on the Church Facebook Page.



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